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SUBJ: US PROPERTY CLAIMS IN NORTHERN CYPRUS (CMC)

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1. CMC REPRESENTATIVES IN ANKARA (RUHI BERENT, OWNER AND GENERAL MANAGER OF POLAR, TURAN KAYA, SALES MANAGER, PLUS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE) ACCOMPAINED BY EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR ON FEBRUARY 25 CALLED ON DOGAN ABDUSSELAMOGLU, GENERAL MANAGER, OF AZOT SANAYI TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING PAYMENT FOR PAST SHIPMENTS OF CMC PYRITES ORES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISPOSAL OF ALL REMAINING STOCKPILES IN NORTHERN CYPRUS. POLAR REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT REPEAT NOT DELIVER TO AZOT AT THIS MEETING CMC LETTER TO AZOT DEMANDING PAYMENT FOR PREVIOUS SHIPMENTS (STATE 37130). THEY BELIEVED THAT TONE OF LETTER WOULD CAUSE RESENTMENT ON PART OF AZOT OFFICIALS AND WOULD HARDLY BRING ABOUT THE COOPERATION THAT IS NECESSARY TO DISPOSE OF REMAINING STOCKPILE AND TO OVER-COME OBSTACLES IN WAY OF ARRANGING PAYMENTS IN MANNER CMC DESIRES. POLAR OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT ASSERTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CMC REQUEST FOR PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE IN LETTER WITH

MORE FRIENDLY WORDING. THEY ARE CABLING CMC
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FURTHER ACTION THAT THEY EXPECT
TO TAKE HERE AND NEW LETTER THAT CMC SHOULD SEND TO AZOT.
FYI POLAR OFFICIALS TOLD E/COM COUNSELOR THAT AZOT
OFFICIALS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN PAST WERE PREPARED TO
MAKE PAYMENTS FOR EARLIER SHIPMENTS TO CMC OR ANY OF
ITS BRANCHES ANYWHERE IN WORLD AS SOON AS CMC WOULD SEND
INVOICES WHICH ARE REQUIRED UNDER TURKISH EXCHANGE CONTROLS FOR ANY TRANSFER OF CURRENCY TO PAY FOR COMMERCIAL
SHIPMENTS. IN JANUARY 1975 POLAR SIMILARLY NOTIFIED CMC
THAT IT WOULD NOT DELIVER A CMC LETTER TO AZOT BECAUSE
TONE OF LETTER WAS NOT APPROPRIATE AND WOULD CAUSE RESENTMENT.
END FYI.

- 2. E/COM COUNSELOR DURING ABOVE MEETING TOLD AZOT GENERAL MANAGER OF US GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN MATTER WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED SEVERAL TIMES BETWEEN EMBASSY ANKARA AND GOT FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE SAID PROBLEM WAS THAT NORMAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND TURKISH FIRM IN THIS CASE HAD BEEN UNFORTUNATELY INTERRUPTED BY UNUSUAL MILITARY SITUATION IN CYPRUS. HE HOPED MATTER COULD BE RESOLVED AMICABLY BETWEEN THE FIRMS WITHOUT NEED FOR FURTHER US GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION. THIS MIGHT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL AND UNUSUAL EFFORTS BY AZOT AND ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.
- 3. ABDUSSELAMOGLU SAID AZOT ALWAYS SEEKS TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR ALL GOODS RECEIVED. HE BELIEVED THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE BY WHICH AZOT HAD PAID FOR ALL
 SHIPMENTS OF CMC ORES. HOWEVER, HE WOULD CAREFULLY LOOK
 INT ASPECTS OF MATTER RAISED BY POLAR, BUT UNTIL THEN
 HE COULD NOT REPEAT NOT SAY JUST WHAT FURTHER AZOT COULD
 DO TO ASSIST CMC IN THIS MATTER.
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